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(U) CALIFORNIA

(U) Watsonville – Teen With Loaded Gun Arrested Outside High School

(U) Police arrested a 15-year-old boy suspected of having a loaded gun near the Watsonville High School campus Monday afternoon. Officers quickly located the teen, who fled on foot and put up a fight before he was ultimately apprehended. Officers then located a handgun beneath a parked car, where the suspect was hiding. The teen is reportedly not a Watsonville High School student. He was transported to Santa Cruz County Juvenile Hall on suspicion of being a minor in possession of a firearm, ammunition, possessing a large-capacity magazine, and for a probation violation.

SOURCE: 23 March 2022, [Santa Cruz Sentinel](#)

(U) Cottonwood – School Evacuated, Roads Closed After Pipe Bombs Thrown into Yard of Home

(U) Shasta County Sheriff's officials closed a neighborhood and evacuated North Cottonwood School Monday afternoon after reports that two suspected pipe bombs were thrown at a residence in the area, and one had exploded. When deputies arrived at the scene, they confirmed there were suspected pipe bombs on the front yard. Neighboring Butte County Bomb Squad responded to the incident, as local bomb squad was unavailable. The explosives were rendered safe and all roads reopened Monday night. No injuries or damage to structures were reported.

SOURCE: 23 March 2022, [Action News Now](#)

(U) SOUTHWEST BORDER

(U) Texas – Three Smuggling Interdictions Lead to 36 Arrests

(U) Edinburg – Rio Grande Valley Sector Border Patrol agents disrupted three migrant smuggling attempts resulting in 36 arrests. On 21 March, Kingsville Border Patrol Station agents searched a tractor hauling a refrigerated trailer and discovered 19 Central American and Mexican migrants hiding among produce. The temperature of the refrigerated trailer was 50.8 degrees Fahrenheit at the time of the encounter. All subjects were placed under arrest and escorted into the checkpoint. On 22 March, Rio Grande Valley agents responded to the location of a suspected stash house in Edinburg and detained six migrants. Shortly after, agents and Texas Department of Public Safety troopers responded to a Rio Grande City residence where they apprehended ten Guatemalan nationals without incident.

SOURCE: 23 March 2022, [US CBP](#)

(U) NATIONAL

(U) Arizona – 5 Injured in Shooting at Outlet Mall

(U) Glendale – Five people including a young child were injured Wednesday when an altercation at Tanger Outlets erupted in gunfire and sent hundreds fleeing. The mall and surrounding businesses remained on lockdown as police searched and cleared stores where people took cover. Officers reported that a young man armed with a handgun was with a woman and a small child when they got into an altercation with a group of young men known to him and the shooting occurred. Two juvenile males were hospitalized with gunshot wounds, while the others had undisclosed injuries.

SOURCE: 24 March 2022, [Associated Press](#)

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(U) Florida – Man Arrested for False Bomb Threat Against Veterans Affairs Hospital

(U) Pensacola – A man is accused of threatening to blow up the local Veteran's Affairs (VA) hospital on Tuesday, forcing authorities to block traffic on several streets around his house as a precaution. Maurice Montgomery was arrested Tuesday and charged with making a bomb threat. Montgomery called the VA hotline on Tuesday and threatened to blow up the Gulf Coast Veterans Health Care System's Veteran Affairs Joint Ambulatory Care Center in Pensacola. Montgomery was taken into custody and transported back to his home, where he spoke with a bomb technician before allowing a detective into his residence to clear the scene of any bomb materials. No bomb materials were found.

SOURCE: 23 March 2022, [Pensacola News Journal](#)

(U) New Jersey – Chinese Government Employee Convicted In Visa Fraud Conspiracy

(U) Trenton – A federal jury convicted a New Jersey man for his involvement in a conspiracy to fraudulently obtain US visas for Chinese government employees. Zhongsan Liu participated in a scheme to fraudulently procure J-1 research scholar visas for employees of the government of China to enable them to conceal that unlawful work from the US. Liu operated an office of the China Association for the International Exchange of Personnel (CAIEP), an agency of the Chinese government, in Fort Lee, New Jersey. Among other activities, CAIEP engages in talent-recruitment, including recruiting US scientists, academics, engineers, and other experts to work in China.

SOURCE: 23 March 2022, [US DOJ](#)

(U) INTERNATIONAL

(U) North Korea – Military Fires First Suspected Intercontinental Ballistic Missile Since 2017

(U) Pyongyang – North Korea has fired what is believed to be its first intercontinental ballistic missile (ICBM) in more than four-years as Western leaders gather in Brussels for a security summit. The suspected ICBM flew 671-miles and landed off Japan's western coast. Analysts said the test could be the longest-range missile yet fired by North Korea. Japan's Defense Minister reported the missile's altitude would suggest it is a "new type of ICBM." Preliminary data of the test indicate it could be a Hwasong-17, a much larger ICBM than the Hwasong-15 tested in 2017.

SOURCE: 24 March 2022, [Associated Press](#)

(U) Nigeria – 7,000 Boko Haram, Other Fighters Surrender in a Week

(U) Maiduguri – Some 7,000 members of the Islamic State West Africa Province (ISWAP) and Boko Haram have surrendered in northeast Nigeria in the past week, according to local media reports. According to officials, the surrendering fighters and their families are expected to be assessed by the Nigerian army and other stakeholders before they undergo rehabilitation processes.

SOURCE: 24 March 2022, [Al Jazeera](#)

(U) Somalia – Prominent Somali Lawmaker Among 15 Killed in Bombing

(U) Beledweyne – A prominent Somali woman lawmaker is among at least 15 people killed in a suicide bombing that hit a polling station in rural central Somalia. According to reports, the suicide bomber rushed towards Assembly woman Amina Mohamed Abdi, embraced her, and detonated. Al-Shabab, claimed responsibility for the attack. Two other extremist attacks occurred in Beledweyne Wednesday outside a busy restaurant with several casualties. The attacks came hours after an attack in the capital, Mogadishu, in which two al-Shabab gunmen tried to force their way into the international airport.

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